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In the name of Allah, The Most Merciful, The Especially Merciful.

All true praises belong exclusively to Allah and endless blessings be upon the Prophet Mohammed ﷺ, Ahle-Bait (his family), his companions and the people who follow him till the last day.

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Foreword

In The Name Of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

In this battleground of life, the war between truth and falsehood, between virtuous and malevolent, and between moral and immoral, has continued with ever-growing zeal since the beginning. Muslims, however, are a nation of optimism and excellence, a nation which is the disseminator of knowledge, a nation which has persistently confronted the vulgar onslaughts and tribulations presented by the devotees of falsehood. Just like how The Knowing and The All-Aware (Subhanahu wa ta'ala) has mentioned in the Blessed Quran that (in meaning) 'a group amongst our creation will persist on the truth and will continue striving to call towards guidance and to establish justice in truth'. (Quran)

Due to Allah's Grace and Divine Will there will always remain a group, right from the beginning, the 'Taifah Mansoorah', which will persist most adamantly to invite humanity towards guidance based upon truth, and will continue to establish justice in addition to embodying the truth. We find a similar saying of our Prophet ﷺ in Sahih Bukhari, which sheds further light on the above mentioned verse: the Prophet ﷺ said (in meaning), 'A Taifah (meaning a group) from my nation will continue to exist, persisting firmly on the truth, and whose falsifiers will be in no position to inflict harm on them, to the extent that Allah's command will descend'. Therefore, in this time of excessive tribulations we must fulfil our role of excellence, virtuosity and leadership by joining this prosperous and praiseworthy group. Here, it will not be irrelevant if we mention a saying of Imam Ahmad Ibn Hambal (May Allah's Mercy be upon him). The virtuous Imam said, "I do not reckon this group to be anyone other than the Ashaab-ul-Hadeeth (Adherents of Hadith)".

Nevertheless, the original foundation of the might and strength, as well as determination and courage of the Islamic community, lies in its fundamentals of life: the Quran and Sunnah; in its creed and monotheism; in its obedience to the Sunnah; in the pristine Islamic culture and in the true Islamic values and ethics. Furthermore, a Muslim, a Mu'min due to his creed and his association with the true Deen of Islam, rises manifold in his sincerity, perseverance and

conscientiousness. Anticipation, brilliance, mindful confrontation and leadership are his innate traits. He does not get influenced by just any shining river, or any void power, or a deviant terrorist organisation. Neither does he get caught by the brutal paws of the devotees of falsehood, nor does he get trapped in the malevolent fists of the destroyers. Rather, he marches forward and deals with such storms of insolence for good.

Thus, in the current times, amongst the many trials and challenges faced by the Muslims, yet another deceptive challenge is that of Daesh (ISIS), getting caught in this trap is tantamount to decreeing yourself to an eternal ruin and devastation.

All praise belongs to Allah, dear honourable Maulana Syed Hussain Ibn Uthman Madani (May Allah preserve him), the Former Deputy Head of Jam'iat Ahl-e-Hadith, Hyderabad and Sikandarabad, has severely scrutinised this innovated, deviant terrorist organisation and has made it to lay bare. He has opened the eyes of many Muslims, and especially the eyes of youth, by way of this booklet, which is presented in a logical and well-reasoned manner in the light of Quran and Hadith, utilising the opinions and religious verdicts of 'Ulama and academics.

I pray to Allah that this 'Mujahidaanah', brilliant and honourable endeavour of the respectable author gets acceptance amongst the masses, becomes weighty in his scales of good deeds and that it becomes a means of prevention from the deception of this murderous and blood-spilling terrorist organisation. Ameen.

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Foreword for the English Edition

All praises are indeed due to Allah, we praise him and seek aid from him, we believe in His existence and lordship and we rely upon Him in all our affairs. We seek refuge in Allah from our evils and sins, Indeed whom He guides, none can lead him astray, and whomsoever He misguides, none can guide him to the right way. I bear witness that there is no true deity worthy of being worshipped except him alone, who has no rivals, and I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ was His servant and messenger, who was sent as a guidance to the whole of mankind, a mercy for the creations.

It indeed was a great contribution from our noble brother, Ustaadh Syed Hussain Madani Hafidahullaah, by compiling an enlightening treatise on an extremely crucial and much needed affair that we are going through in our times, that was in dire need of being addressed on, and its facts being clarified to the masses.

The calamity of the self-proclaimed state ISIS (Daiesh) not only caused massive destruction and killings in the Muslim Lands, but it also caused a great loss to the global peace and security. The youth are being misguided by the satanic ideologies of ISIS that are widespread through the electronic and the social media sites, resulting in their participation in deadly terrorist activities in different countries throughout the world.

After reading this book, one will realize the fact that ISIS was never a state that represents the true teachings of Islam, rather it was solely formed to distort the image of Islam and the Muslims by misquoting the verses of Qur'an and the prophetic traditions, urging the youth in killing none other than their fellow Muslim brothers and sister in their own homelands.

Islam is a divine religion sent down by the Almighty Creator, that always called towards justice and kindness towards others. Allah says in the Noble Qur'an:

Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing. [04:58]

Due to the importance of the topic and the need of spreading awareness on the subject between the English speaking community, the book was rendered into the English language by the efforts of few noble brothers. We ask Allah subhaanahu wataala to accept their efforts, and make this work beneficial and a reason of protection of the ideologies of youth from being misled, and a clarification for those in doubt about the true teachings of Islam.

Allah's aid is sought in all affairs.

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Some Necessary Clarification:

This essay is compiled utilising the religious verdicts of local and international scholars, the information reported in national and international magazines, journals and newspapers, so that those immature, susceptible and emotional youth, who take their information from unreliable websites and people of ill-creed and incorrect ideologies, and get influenced by terrorist organisations such as Al-Qaeda and Daesh, violating the Islamic as well as national law, can be alerted and warned.

Warning against tribulations and keeping distance from them:

The Prophet ﷺ informed us that close to the Day of Judgment many tribulations will surface¹, which in its intensity and oppression will resemble the extremity of a dark night with no sign of light², and will occur with such frequency that the preceding tribulations will appear to be insignificant in contrast to them.³

Thus, in this time full of calamities, the man sitting will be more virtuous than the man standing, and the standing man will be more virtuous than the man walking, and the walking man will supersede the running man in virtuosity⁴, meaning the more distance one keeps from these tribulations, the better off he will prove to be compared to the one who is consumed by them.

¹ Sahih Bukhari, 'Abwaab Al-Istisqaa', Hadith no. 1036. Reported by Abu Hurayrah (May Allah be pleased with him)

² Sunan Abi Dawood, 'Kitaab Al-Fitan', 'Baab An-Nahee 'An As-Sa'ee Fee Al-Fitnah', Hadith no. 4259. Reported by Abu Musa Asha'aree (May Allah be pleased with him), via a Hassan Lagheerah chain of Narration

³ Sunan Ibn Majah, 'Abwaab Al-Fitan', 'Baab Maa Yakoon Min Al-Fitan', Hadith no. 3956. Reported by 'Abdullah Ibn 'Umar ((May Allah be pleased with him), via an authentic chain of narration

⁴ Sunan Abi Dawood, 'Kitaab Al-Fitan', 'Baab An-Nahee 'An As-Sa'ee Fee Al-Fitnah', Hadith no. 4259. Reported by Abu Musa Asha'aree (May Allah be pleased with him), via a Hassan Lagheerah chain of Narration

Furthermore, he said that the fortunate one will be who is saved from these calamities.⁵ Besides, the deen (Islam) is the name of glad tidings for everyone, and to wish good for them includes warning them against the calamities.⁶

To warn against the False Sects and deviant movements is the principle of Ahlus-Sunnah and the practical enactment of the Prophet ﷺ and his companions:

Some naive individuals believe that we are obliged to only believe what is apparent, and that we should only hold good about all those who say the Kalimah (shahdah) because there is always some good to be found with everyone. Therefore, we should not warn anyone from their association with anyone else.

In spirit of Sharia, most certainly, we are obliged to only believe what is apparent, and indeed the people of knowledge only warn against false sects and deviant movements based on their apparent activities. This is due to that fact that to warn against perverted ideologies and deviant ways has been a principle of Ahlus-Sunnah and the practical enactment of the Prophet ﷺ, his companions and their followers, as we have discussed previously. Moreover, the Messenger ﷺ warned his nation against those who persist on the meaning of ambiguous verses⁷, and especially stated concerning the Khawaarij that ‘you should kill them wherever you find them because their killer has a reward on the day of Judgement’⁸, and ‘if I find them I will slaughter them like the nation of ‘Ad’.⁹

⁵ Sunan Abi Dawood, ‘Kitaab Al-Fitan’, ‘Baab An-Nahee ‘An As-Sa’ee Fee Al-Fitnah’, Hadith no. 4263. Reported by Miqdaad Ibn Aswad (May Allah be pleased with him) via an authentic chain of narration

⁶ Sahih Muslim, ‘Kitab Al-Imaan’, ‘Baab Bayyan An Ad-Deen An-Naseehah’, Hadith no. 95. Reported by Tameem Ad-Daari (May Allah be pleased with him)

⁷ Sahih Bukhari, ‘Kitab Tafseer Al-Quran’, ‘Baab Minh Ayaat...’ Hadith no. 4547. Reported by Ayesha (may Allah be pleased with her)

⁸ Sahih Bukhari, ‘Kitab Fadail Al-Quran’, ‘Baab Itham min Raee...’ Hadith no. 5057. Reported by ‘Ali (may Allah be pleased with him)

⁹ Sahih Bukhari, ‘Kitab At-Tawheed’, ‘Baab Qool Allahu Ta’alaa Ta’raj...’ Hadith no. 7432. Reported by Abu Sa’eed Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him)

Abu Sa'eed (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "It is dearer and preferable for me to fight the Khawaarij than to fight the Mushrikeen (disbelievers)".¹⁰

Imam Ibn Habeerah (may Allah have mercy upon him) said that the wisdom behind this was that to wage war against the Khawaarij entailed protecting the capital assets of Islam, whereas to fight the Mushrikeen entailed gaining a benefit, and protecting the capital assets takes precedence over achieving benefits by far.¹¹

Also, the Mother of the believers, beloved of Allah's beloved ﷺ, Siddeeqah, the daughter of Ass-Siddeeq, 'Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) was questioned by Mu'aazah 'Adwiyyah regarding making up for the missed prayers of Haidah. So, to warn her against the Khawaarij, the mother of the believers inquired, "Are you a Huroori (Kharijee)?" She replied, "No I'm not a Huroori, but I'm only inquiring (to gain information)".¹²

We learn from Mu'aazah 'Adwiyyah's reply that even the common people should remain aware of the deviant ideologies and individuals, just like how she was aware of them, which is why she responded, "No I'm not a Huroori". However, had she not been aware of the Khawaarij her reply (rather question) would have been, "who is a Huroori?" as opposed to what she said.

We further learn that even the common masses sometimes remain unaware of the details of the most basic issues of Taharah (purity) and Salah (prayer), but they must keep themselves acquainted with and aware of the adherents of false ideologies at all times.

Where we find the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and his companions warning against the deviants, we also find some other companions such as the likes of Hudaifah (may Allah be pleased with him) who were concerned with protecting

¹⁰ Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaibah, 'Kitab Al-Jumal', 'Maa Dhikr Fi Al-Khawarij', Hadith no. 37886. Reported by Abu Sa'eed Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him)

¹¹ Fath Al-Baari, 'Kitab Ad-Diyyaat', 'Baab Min Tark Qitaal...'

¹² Sahih Muslim, 'Kitab Al-Haid', 'Baab wujoob Qada...' Hadith no. 69

themselves against evil and would often question the Messenger of Allah ﷺ regarding it.¹³

Wahab Ibn Manbah (may Allah have mercy upon him) would advise his young, innocent and susceptible students, “You beware of the Khawaarij! Lest they pull you into their deviant ways, as they are an evil for this nation”.¹⁴

Imam Aajree (may Allah have mercy upon him) said, “The people of knowledge, from the past and the present, have no Ikhtilaaf (difference of opinion) on the fact that the Khawaarij, in spite of being excessively devoted in worship, in Salah and fasts, are a wicked people, who are disobedient to Allah and His Messenger ﷺ. . None of these acts of worship will bring them any benefit. They, for sure, express their will of commanding the good and forbidding the evil, but even this is of no benefit to them, because they are such a people who interpret the Quran according to their desires, and deceive the Muslims. Against them Allah alerted us; the Prophet ﷺ informed us; the Rightly Guided Caliphs warned us and the Sahabah and their students disseminated awareness, because they and their adherents are filthy and impure, who rebel against the rulers and consider spilling the blood of a Muslim to be Halal...”¹⁵

Imam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah’s mercy be upon him) said, “The Khawaarij are a greater evil for the Muslims than the Christians and the Jews, because they are constantly finding excuses to spill the blood of Muslims who do not agree with them. They consider a Muslim’s life, property and their progeny to be halal (to take), and declare them disbelievers. Rather due to their excessive ignorance and deviant innovation, they only consider these actions to be (important in) Islam...”¹⁶

¹³ Sahih Bukhari, ‘Kitab Al-Munaqib’, ‘Baab ‘Alaamaat An-Nubuwwah...’ Hadith no. 3606

¹⁴ Seer A’laam An-Nubala, ‘At-Tabqatu Ath-Thaniyyah’, ‘Wahab Ibn Manbah’, vol. 4, pg. 553

¹⁵ Ash-Sharia, ‘Baab Dhim Al-Khawarij...’ vol. 1, pg. 325

¹⁶ Minhaaj As-Sunnah An-Nabawiyyah... Al-Fasal As-Saadis, ‘Fasal An-Nabi Arshad Al-Ummah...’ vol. 5, pg. 248

Imam Ibn Kathir (may Allah have mercy upon him) said, “If the Khawaarij gain power, be it in ‘Iraq or Syria, they will spread mischief and disorder throughout this earth. Neither will they have mercy on a baby boy nor a girl. Nor will they pardon a man or a woman. This is because to them, people’s moral wellbeing has denigrated to such a depth that the only way to reform them is by slaying them”.¹⁷

Imam Ibn Hajar (may Allah have mercy upon him) stated that the Khawaarij had their inception in Iraq.¹⁸

What is surprising is that Imam Ibn Kathir (may Allah have mercy upon him) mentions the name of Iraq and Syria of all the places in this world for the evil and corruption of Khawaarij. Even Ibn Hajar (may Allah have mercy upon him) mentions the origins of Khawaarij to be from Iraq and the modern day Khawaarij i.e. Daesh first emerged in Iraq and then directed towards Syria.

Furthermore, Daesh, due to being a Takfiri organisation, are innovators. Rather, the first innovation in this nation is Takfir (labelling Muslims to be disbelievers), and all the people of knowledge, including Sheikh ‘Abdul Qadir Jeelani (may Allah have mercy upon him), unanimously forbade from keeping their company and boycotted them.

Sheikh Bin Baaz (may Allah have mercy upon him) said that there is no doubt that the one who praises the people of innovation is like them, rather he is their caller.¹⁹

A brief look at the Khawaarij:

Khawaarij is the plural of ‘Khaarij’ and Khariji’, which entails the meaning of ‘Khurooj’ i.e. leaving or coming out. Therefore, either they have left Islam or they made Khurooj i.e. rebelled against the masses and the rulers. Thus, because

¹⁷ Al-Bidaayah Wa An-Nihaayah, ‘Thumma Dakhaltu Sunnatu Sab’a wa Thalatheen’, ‘Dhikr Khurooj Al-Khawarij...’ vol. 10, pg. 584

¹⁸ Fath Al-Bari, ‘Al-Muqaddimah’, Fasal Ha Ba.

¹⁹ Sharh Kitaab Fadal Al-Islam of Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab by Ibn Baz.

the Khawaarij rebelled against ‘Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) as a well organised group, they came to be known as the sect of Khawaarij.

Although the Khawaarij are from the progeny of ‘Dhul Khusairah, who disagreed with the Prophet ﷺ regarding the distribution of the war booty, and the activities of Khawaarij became apparent towards the end of the Caliphate of Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him), they actually emerged as an organised political entity during the reign of Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) before the battle of Nahrawaan.

The people of knowledge stated that to disagree in the matters of Caliphate, to object in the matter of arbitration, to declare the rulers oppressive and the society immoral and to encourage tribal enmity, are one of the main components of the conditions of the Khawaarij, and one of its main sects is ‘Ibadiyah’.

Khawaarij were the first deviant sect and the Prophet ﷺ explained to us some of their signs: “they will pray in an enviable manner, they will fast, they will recite the Quran but the Quran will not enter into their hearts (they will either read it without understanding or their recitation will not be accepted), they will be young and naive, they will say good words but will leave the religion as an arrow leaves the bow, they are the dogs of hellfire. They are the worst of creation. They are the worst of those who are killed, and those who are killed by them are the best of those killed. Slay them wherever you find them, because their slayer has a reward on the day of judgement, and if I ever find them, I will slaughter them like the nation of ‘Ad.’²⁰

Daesh’s Nomenclature:

Daesh is the acronym of the ‘Islamic State’, which in English is sometimes known as ISIS i.e. The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria or ISIL i.e. The Islamic state of Iraq and the Levant. However, currently it only calls itself IS i.e. Islamic State, so that its jurisdiction is not limited to Iraq and the Levant, as its ill-effects

²⁰ For further details regarding Khawaarij, other than the books of Aqeedah (creed) and Hadith, ‘Farq Mu’aasirah Tanseeb Ilaa Al-Islam...Li Ad-Doctor Ghalib Al-‘Awaajee’ and the book ‘Al-Khawaarij Tareekhhum...lil Mualif Nafsah’ are beneficial.

can be seen in certain locations in Egypt, Libya and Nigeria and this organisation is all over the news, nationally and internationally. But the international community renounces them.²¹

Daesh's Mission:

Dominating a huge territory in Iraq and Syria, it is a rebellious and militant organisation, which, according to its made-up interpretation, declares a Caliphate, implementation of Sharia and foundation of a Bait-ul-Maal (Islamic public treasury) to be its mission, whose head is Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi.

Daesh's Inception:

Daesh achieved its separation and independence from the organisation of Al-Qaeda under the leadership of Abu Mus'ab Az-Zarqawi. Then Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi declared his Caliphate and leadership on the 29th of July 2014, which he was striving for since 2004.

Daesh's Ideology:

Daesh considers those in its opposition to be apostates, disbelievers and hypocrites, and they disseminate this blasphemous ideology of theirs by way of modern information technology resources and giant media outlets with wide access.

Daesh's Source of Income:

Daesh's sources of income include reserves of petrol and gas, occupying banks, taxing the citizens, theft, extortion, kidnapping and human trafficking.

Daesh and the violation of Human Rights:

Amongst Daesh's bloodthirsty, sexually abusive, demonic, insane, arbitrary and barbaric activities, oppression and abuse on ethnic and religious minorities,

²¹ Wikipedia in Arabic and English

mistreatment and abuse of citizens, burning the Jordanian pilot Muadh Al-Kasasbah alive, recruiting minor children into the army, inflicting sexual abuse on women and girls, keeping them in custody and imprisoning them and then trading them off, attacking journalists, beheading publicly, destroying places of worship, and obliging all women to get circumcised etc. are the significant ones.

This organisation slaughters people on the mere suspicion of espionage and extremism, they make prisoners dig their own graves before killing them, and occasionally we find them killing one another.

Daesh being a controversial name:

Teacher of the Islamic University of Madinah, Sheikh Salih As-Suhaymi (may Allah preserve him) said: “I do not like calling Daesh an Islamic state, because Daesh does not implement and establish Islam, rather it slaughters the Muslims, and their way is worse than the old Khawaarij. Therefore, we warn against paying any allegiance to this organisation, which captures the women of the Muslims, and then sells them.”

Musalleh Ibn Zuwaid Al-‘Utaybee (may Allah preserve him) said, for the wickedness of Daesh one only needs pondering on its name, because wickedness of a name is a proof of the wickedness of the one named with such name, (perhaps) for this reason the Prophet ﷺ would change ugly names.²²

Daesh in the sight of ‘Ulama and Muftis (senior scholars) of Islam:

1. Imam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said that it is amongst the principles of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama’ah that one must have a deep attachment with and affection towards the Jama’ah (general mass) of Muslims, and that fighting with the rulers must be stopped.²³ However, Daesh, violating the principle of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama’ah, separates from the Jama’ah of the Muslims, and wages war against the

²² Mawqa’ Syed Al-Fawaid, Daesh Wa maa Adraaka Ma Ad-Daesh.

²³ Majmu’ Al-Fatawaa Li Ibn Taymiyyah, Al-hisbah, Maraatiib Inkaar Al-Munkar, vol. 28, pg. 128

Muslim rulers. Thus, even if it declares itself to be Sunni, it is not Sunni as rendered by Islam.

2. Muhadith, faqih and allamah, ‘Abdul Muhsin Al-‘Abbaad (may Allah preserve him) said that the people associated with Daesh are unknown, who remain veiled behind their Kunyyah (paedonymic) and Nisb (lineage and ancestry), and butcher Ahlus Sunnah with their knives, which is the worst form of the slaying of humanity. Therefore, the young individuals, who are enticed by this tribulation, should keep themselves safe. And one should seek benefit from the people of knowledge in such a way, the way Yazeed Al-Faqeer (may Allah have mercy on him), having been influenced by the Khawaarij, changed his intention and mission after accepting the advice of Jabir (may Allah be pleased with him).’’²⁴
3. The president of ‘Rabta ‘Ulama-e-Sham’ (Syrian scholars’ Association), Asamah Ar-Riffaa’ee (may Allah preserve him) said that Daesh is a Takfiri (excommunicatory, having a tendency to label others disbelievers) and a terrorist organisation, who does not fear Allah, and considers the blood of the Muslims to be halal, even though this belief of theirs takes them to disbelief. Thus, it is incumbent upon them to return to the Quran, Sunnah and the scholars of this nation. People should also remain cautious from Hizbullah (the Lebanese terrorist organisation).²⁵
4. Scholars of Al-Azhar, Egypt said that Daesh is a terrorist organisation from ‘Iraq, the ways of which are extremely barbaric, which is thirsty for the blood of innocents, and for the annihilation of which all should unite.²⁶
5. The Secretary General of the Global Alliance of Islamic scholars in Doha, Qatar, stated that Daesh’s activities are intolerable, which presents a manipulated image of Islam in people’s minds. Therefore, to

²⁴ Mawqa’ Ash-Sheikh ‘Abdul Muhsin Al-‘Abbaad, Fitnah Al-Khilaafah Ad-Daeshiyah Al-‘Iraqiyyah Al-Maz’oomah.

²⁵ Mawqa Ad-Darar Ash-Shamiyyah, Dawla Al-‘Iraq wa Ash-Shaam Fee Meezaan ‘Ulama Al-Islam

²⁶ Mausisah Daam Baras Al-A’laamiyyah, Al-Azhar Ya’rib ‘An...

present an accurate and truthful image of Islam, the role of religious scholars is vital.

6. The ‘Munaazir-e-Islam’ of the country of Syria, ‘Adnan Ibn Muhammad Al-‘Ur’uoor (may Allah preserve him) said that Daesh entered Syria via Iraq, conquered some locations, announced their government, accused the local residents of treachery, rather declared them disbelievers and apostate. (After the Syrians became apostates as per Daesh’s creed) without giving them time to repent, they declared their capital punishment to be mandatory, and informed them of only one option of escaping death, which was to join them.

He further said that Daesh kidnapped official members and officers of the government, declared the rulers to be disbelievers, made children and women homeless, and slaughtered the innocent citizens brutally. What kind of Caliphate is this?

7. The scholar of Egypt, Muhammad Sa’eed Raslaan (may Allah preserve him) said that Daesh draws nearness to their Lord by sacrificing humanity, who’s Head is a Jallaad (merciless executioner), and all of them are the dogs of hellfire. Hence, they should be boycotted.²⁷
8. Ustaadh, Doctor Sulayman Ibn Saleemullah Ar-Ruyhaylee (may Allah preserve him), teacher in the Masjid An-Nabawi, swore three times and said, “I swear by Allah, who has no one equal in worship, it is not permissible for any Muslim to harbour any affection towards Daesh, and give allegiance on their hands, because they are a harm for this Ummah”.

He further said, “In their understanding of Islam they assume superiority over the Sahaba. There are many Muslims being oppressed by Jews in Palestine, but Daesh, in spite of being in Iraq and Syria, were not able to defend the Palestinian Muslims. Rather they came close to the borders of Saudi Arabia. The Hoothi Rawafidh (shias) in Yemen are brutally butchering the Ahlus Sunnah, and Al-Qaeda, in spite of its presence in Yemen, was not able to defend the Ahlus Sunnah.

²⁷ The mentioned and forth coming sayings are available on ‘Shubqah Al-Imam Al-Ajree’ which are often available on mp3 format.

He goes on to say, “It is not permissible for the Muslims from any region of the world, to give allegiance upon their hands.”

9. The judicial expert, Doctor S’ad Al-Hameed (may Allah preserve him) said that Daesh has committed two grievous errors: 1) unjustly declaring people disbelievers 2) spilling the blood of innocents.
10. Sheikh Muhammad Ibn Hadi Al-Madkhali (may Allah preserve him) said that the ongoing war in the country of Syria, which the people acclaim as Jihad, is in reality a Fitnah.
11. Da’ee Sheikh ‘Abdullah Aal S’ad Al-Mateeri (may Allah preserve him) said that Daesh are ignorant and have violated numerous stipulations of Sharia. For example, they rejected the Sharia courts, unjustly declared people disbelievers and apostates and spilt blood of innocents. Therefore, I call towards them to repent and return towards the truth, and I advise the individuals affiliated with them to keep their distance from them.
12. The Former Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Bin Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) said that to commit suicide attacks is evil, sinful, immoral, corrupt, oppressive and hostile; the doers of which do not believe in Allah and the Last Day with correct conviction. Rather they are indulged in the lewdness of the spirit, corruption of the self and envy. Thus, I vehemently advise that such people be reported to the government.
13. ‘Aaid Ibn Khaleef Ash-Shimree (may Allah preserve him) said that Daesh have nothing to do with the Prophetic way. This is because whenever the Prophet ﷺ sent Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) for Jihad, he would advise him to ‘go and invite them towards Islam’. Likewise amongst the Prophets Nuh, Ibrahim, Musa (peace be upon them all) and Muhammad ﷺ acted with patience and did not establish governments committing mass slaughters. Rather the Prophet ﷺ invited the Jews of Madinah towards Islam, and granted them safety. And anyway, an apostate is given a duration of three days to repent, but the order of Daesh is completely different.
14. Sheikh Muhammad Ibn Ramzan Al-Hajari (may Allah preserve him), Lecturer by Royal Commission Al-Jubail, Eastern Province Saudi

Arabia said that Daesh and Nusrah Front are not upon truth, because they are infant organisations and according to the saying of the Prophet ﷺ the group upon truth has always persisted and will continue to persist till the Day of Judgement.

He further said that just like the Khawaarij did not have any deficiency in the realm of Tawheed, likewise Daesh do not have any (apparent) deficiency in that realm. However, just like the distinguishing features of the Khawaarij included achieving separation (from the wider community), declaring rulers to be disbelievers and refusing to pledge allegiance to the leaders of the time, likewise these are the distinguishing features of Daesh too.

He went on to say that something to think about is that the Kunyyah of the individuals associated with ISIS are like ‘Abu Mus’ab Az-Zarqawee’, ‘Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi’ and ‘Abu Muhammad Al-Joowanee’ ... and their names are unknown.

He also said that Daesh expects to achieve Shahadah (martyrdom) by way of suicide attacks, whereas the Prophet ﷺ did not inform us of the Shahadah for the one who committed suicide but rather for the one who was killed by someone else, and wears safety armour, if he is able to acquire it, before he is killed.

He added that when Daesh saw that the people of knowledge were declaring them to be Khawaarij, and one of the signs of the Khawaarij is to shave the heads, to escape this sign they started to grow their hair long. But whether they have shaved their hair or grown locks of it, they are Khawaarij as far as their ideology is concerned.

He further said that there are no ‘Ulama (scholars) with this organisation, rather all of them are imprudent and foolish.

He also said that their self-declared Caliph is always hiding.

He added that Daesh deceives and misguides the youth by such words as Jihad, Shahadah, Jannah, and Hoor.

Moreover, he said that the Khawaarij of the past declared the ruler to be Taghoot (Tyrant, idol of shirk etc.) and Daesh also makes a parallel between a Muslim ruler and a Taghoot.

He also said that just like how the old Khawaarij killed Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him), Daesh are spilling the blood of Muslims the same way.

He also said that the way of reformation of the Ahlus Sunnah is by good manners and the best of ways, but the way of Daesh's reformation is by Slaah, meaning weapons, which is the way of the Khawaarij.

He further added that shirk was rife in Makkah, the Ka'aba was surrounded by idols but the Sahaba never acquired the same ways of Daesh. Acting with foresight, judging the conditions well, they formed a peace treaty with the Quraish.

He further stated that one should not be deceived by the outward image of Daesh's religion or the smiling of their suicide bomber before killing himself, because the assassin of Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) was a Hafidh of the Quran, who was even praised by 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) at one point. Despite this he proved to be a murderer and a Kharijee, and martyred 'Ali whilst reciting the Quran. And the one who killed Amr Ibn Al-'Aas (may Allah be pleased with him) had arrived for the Salah in the earliest time.

He added that Daesh is a bloodthirsty and savage organisation, which is not only a danger for Muslims, but rather the whole humanity.

Furthermore, he said that to warn against the perpetrators of mischief and tribulations and to disgrace them is an extremely high level of Jihad.

Sheikh Badar Ibn 'Ali Al-'Utaybee (may Allah preserve him) said that the Khawaarij of the past suspected the justice and the trustworthiness of the Prophet ﷺ and 'Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him). That is exactly what these extremist mischief-makers are propagating against our rulers. Khawaarij of the past declared 'Ali, Mu'awiyah, and other Sahaba (may Allah be pleased with all of them) to be disbelievers. Likewise these extremist mischief-makers declare our 'Ulama and rulers to be disbelievers and grant them the title of Taghoot. Khawaarij of the past relied on fake letters and writings and manipulated the sayings of the scholars. Likewise these extremist mischief-makers manipulated and made wrong Istidlaal (derived wrong conclusions) from the fatwa of Imam Ibn Taymiyyah and Imam Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul

Wahhaab (may Allah have mercy on them). Khawaarij of the past made protest demonstrations against the rulers, tried to bring a revolution without attempting to reform and correct the ruler, lied against the rulers, considered them the slave of the Christians and the Jews, spoke ill of them on the pulpit, openly considered and declared them disbelievers, perpetuated their mistakes and shortcomings, interpreted them to be the ‘recipients’ of all the verses of Kufr, demonstrated their own ignorance in the matter of arbitration, accepted some verses and overlooked the others, disavowed the leaders publicly, declared the migration from the lands of the Muslims to be obligatory, uplifted the slogan of Jihad and Tawheed, considered themselves to be Jannati (people of paradise) and others to be Jahannumi (people of the hell fire), killed the Dhimmies (religious minorities), who were protected under the Islamic government, and reviled the ‘Ulama. These modern day extremist mischief-makers are following in their footsteps.²⁸

Some said that Daesh butcher Muslims based on sins and matters of Ikhtilaaf (difference of opinion). Sometimes they kill a Muslim if they see them talking to a non-Muslim on the street, and sometimes they even kill an individual for leaving their declared Jihad to go to Hajj.

Furthermore allegations were made that Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi was not appointed by ‘Arbaab Hal wa ‘Aqd’, and when his own leader (Zawaahiri) was not pleased with his activities, how could he have expected any pledge of allegiance from anyone?

Certain opinions are such that Baghdadi’s state is ‘Ghair Shar’ee’ (against the Sharia/illegitimate), and it is not permissible to fight a war under its banner, because he has turned away from Allah’s Sharia.

Some asserted that none of the ‘Ulama in the entire planet have affirmed Daesh’s activities to be valid, neither did they think well of them, and nor did

²⁸ Mawq’a Syed Al-Fawaaid, Thalathoon ‘Ilaamatu-tadl...

they defend them from their side. Rather, the people of knowledge have unanimously declared them to be oppressors and tyrants.

Some went on to say that Daesh is a rebellious, extremist, bloodthirsty and a deviant organisation, which is spreading this wildfire of calamity and tribulations amongst the Muslims with much proficiency and is disseminating falsehood in the name of Islamic State. Therefore, it is incumbent to confront it from all possible means.

Approximately 1050 ‘Ulama from all over India issued a Fatwa in which they reprimanded and opposed Daesh. They said that Daesh is an extremely perilous, bloodcurdling, un-Islamic – rather anti-humanity – terrorist organisation, because they are committing such crude acts in the name of Islam as to shame the whole of humanity, and are spilling human blood like water. Therefore, the scholars from all around the world should disseminate awareness against this terrorist organisation by any possible means. Also, posting videos and pictures of murder from their side is un-Islamic and opposed to the Sharia.

It should remain clear that the above mentioned Fatwa was signed by 1070 religious organisations and its copy was sent to 50 countries.

A surprising thing is that even the terrorist organisation ‘Al-Qaeda’ declared Daesh to be a barbaric and animalistic organisation following its extreme aggressiveness and severe brutality.

The disavowal of Daesh by the Muslim leaders:

After having known the opinion of the Indian scholars towards Daesh, it is appropriate to get ourselves acquainted with what the Muslim leadership has to say about it too. The senior Barrister, Janab Asad-ud-Deen Owaisi, President of AIMIM, an Member of Parliament in India, gave this message to 180 million Muslims that Daesh are Khawaarij, who are dogs of Hellfire, adulterers, murderers and worthy of condemnation. He also advised the youth to remain close with the ‘Ulama, and prevent themselves from visiting the terrorist

websites, and consider seeking knowledge, eradication of poverty and serving ones parents to be Jihad in the current times.²⁹

Daesh's deceptive tools:

Respected Ustadh Doctor Sulaiman Ibn Saleemullah Ar-Ruhaylee (may Allah preserve him), teacher in the Masjid Nabawi, said that to deceive and deviate the youth of this nation, Daesh and other terrorist organisations like Daesh utilise certain deceptive tools. Take, for example, declaring rulers to be disbelievers, to fill the poison of hatred in the hearts of Muslims against them, to devalue the stature of the senior scholars, to spread distrustfulness against the society, and to display themselves as extremely virtuous and pious.

Some of Daesh's foundational blunders:

Daesh and other perverted organisations like Daesh consider sin and non-implementation of Sharia to be Kufr. Following on from there, they declare the sinners and the rulers to be disbelievers and consider their lives and property to be halal. Whereas, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ frequently mentioned to Abu Dhar (may Allah be pleased with him) that even if a Mu'min commits fornication and theft, he will enter the Paradise (ultimately due to his original belief).³⁰

Moreover, the verses in which “to judge by other than what Allah has revealed” has been called disbelief, from amongst the Sahaba, according to the understanding and exegesis of Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him), its meaning is either that if the one who affirms the Sharia but does not judge by it is an oppressor and a transgressor, or such an act is a part of Kufr. However, it is not the kind of disbelief which people readily assume it to be. Amongst the Tabi'een 'Attaa Ibn Abi Rahah (may Allah have mercy on him) said that 'kufr doon kufr' meaning such an act is not the 'Kufr Akbar' (Major Kufr) which takes one out of the fold of Islam, but rather it is 'Kufr Asghar' (Minor Kufr),

²⁹ Deccan Chronical Monday, Oct, 5th/2015.

³⁰ Sahih Buhkhari, 'Kitab Al-Janaiz', 'Baab Maa Jaa Fee Al-Janaiz...' Hadith 1237, Reported by Abu Dhar (may Allah be pleased with him).

and ‘Abdullah Ibn Tawoos (may Allah have mercy on him) said that this Kufr is not like the Kufr of a man who disbelieves in Allah, His angels, His books and His messengers. Tawoos (may Allah have mercy on him) also said that in this verse the Kufr that takes one out of the fold of Islam is not intended.³¹

This is why Imam Qurtubi (may Allah have mercy on him) said that a Muslim will only be a sinner and a transgressor and not a disbeliever in spite of having committed major sins. He also said, “It was said that the one who establishes Tawheed but is not able to establish certain injunctions of the Sharia, then he is not included in this verse.”³²

Suppose, albeit impossible, even if a mere sin and failing to establish the Sharia is Kufr – even then the Sharia proceeding of Takfeer, meaning the act of declaring an individual to be a disbeliever, is that the one who commits Kufr: must be sane and have reached the age of puberty; must have deliberately performed an action of Kufr; a proof is established on him; and that the individual is not involved in performing ‘Taweel’ (interpretation).

From whom an act of Kufr is put forth but they are mentally disabled or immature (have not reached the age of puberty) then they are exempted from the capital punishment.

And from whom an act of Kufr is put forth but it was done unintentionally, even then he is not a Kafir, just like that individual is not declared a Kafir who had a slip of a tongue due to extreme happiness and ended up saying ‘oh Allah! You are my slave and I am your lord’.

From whom an act of Kufr is put forth but no proof is established, even then he is not a Kafir. This is because until Allah has sent a Messenger to a people (to establish an undeniable evidence), He does not send forth His chastisement upon them.

³¹ Tafsir Tabbari and Tafsir Ibn Katheer, Surah Al-Maida: 44

³² Tafsir Qurtubi, Surah Al-Maida: 44

From whom an act of Kufr is put forth and he is a person of Taweel, even then he is not a Kafir because a (possible) interpretation is a form of an error and Allah has forgiven the acts of error and mistake.³³

So we find from the preceding detail that Daesh in both issues, the implementation of the Sharia and the Takfeer of the Ummah, are extremely far from the understanding of the Salaf (the pious predecessors) and the regulations of the Sharia, and in both of these issues they are an open prey to indecency.

Daesh, being the Khawaarij, revolt against the rulers. Whereas, the companions pledged to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ that ‘we will not rebel against the rulers’³⁴, and also the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

1. If, in the presence of a ruler, someone approaches him with a revolt and rebellion, then behead him.
2. The one who tries to introduce a division in this Ummah, when it stood united (under a ruler), then the one who causes division, no matter who he is, slay him with the sword, and according to one narration, kill him.
3. The one who revolts in my nation, kills those good and bad, does not prevent himself from killing the people of Iman, and does not observe deference in the covenant and regulations, then he has nothing to do with me and I have nothing to do with him.

Daesh are Saflee (Lowly and Deprived) as opposed to being Salafee:

Different extremist media outlets are trying to convince people that Daesh is a Salafee organisation, whereas from the religious verdicts of Saudi as well as non-Saudi scholars we find that Daesh are not Salafee, but rather they are Saflee (lowly and deprived) and Khawaarij, because Salafees remain adherent to the

³³ To acquire an authentic and complete understanding of the rules and regulation of Takfeer, the book of Ustadh Doctor Ibraheem Ibn ‘Amir Ar-Ruhaylee (may Allah preserve him) ‘At-Takfeer Wa Dhawabituhu (Takfeer and its regulations)’ is extremely vital.

³⁴ Concerning the obedience of the rulers, please see this narration and other following narrations in Sahih Muslim, ‘Kitab Al-Imarah’ for further detail.

Kitab and Sunnah, and the Kitab and Sunnah contains guidance of obedience to the rulers as well as prohibition regarding terrorism and creating mischief.

A point to ponder is that the extremist media outlets declared Daesh to be Salafee and Wahhabi, whereas we find the Saudi government, enlightened with Imam and Mujaddid Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab (may Allah have mercy on him)’s painstaking religious services and dissemination of Islamic knowledge, not only declared Daesh to be terrorist, but rather it continued waging war against it in alliance and cooperation with various other countries.

Furthermore, Sheikh ‘Ubaid Al-Jabiri (may Allah preserve him) said that ‘whosoever asserted Daesh to be an offshoot of Salafiyyah, I swear by Allah he is a liar and an enemy to Allah’.

Sheikh Muhammad Ibn Ramzan Al-Hajiri (may Allah preserve him), Lecturer by Royal Commission Al-Jubail, said that Daesh achieved independence from Al-Qaeda, and Al-Qaeda was founded by the (banned terrorist organisation of Egypt) Ikhwan Al-Muslimeen³⁵. The proof for this is that the founder of Daesh in Iraq is Abu Musab Az-Zarqawi, who is a student of Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, and Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi is a student of Muhammad Sarwar Zain-ul-Abidin and Hassan Ayub, and both of these individuals were the senior and renowned thinkers of the terrorist organisation of Egypt, Ikhwan Al-Muslimeen. Nevertheless, an even more so intriguing thing to ponder over is that Daesh and Nusra Front specified that their intellectual foundation is upon the books of Syed Qutub.

He further said that Syed Qutub is the chief of the Khawaarij, who was a Sufi and an Ash’ari, who made Takfeer and Tafjeer (suicide and terrorist attacks) common place. However, Imam Ibn Taymiyyah and Sheikh Bin Baz (may Allah have mercy on them) and other Salafee ‘Ulama never made Takfeer and Tafjeer common place.

³⁵ Whose well-known thinker, cultivated and educated in Britain, is Syed Qutub, from whom Usamah Bin Laden was greatly influenced.

He also said that just like the Khawaarij did not have a deficiency in the realm of Tawheed, likewise Daesh do not have a deficiency in (apparent) Tawheed either. However, just like the distinguishing feature of Khawaarij is to achieve separation, declaring rulers to be disbelievers and refusing to pay allegiance to the ruler of the time, likewise, these are the distinguishing features of Daesh too.

The lecturer of An-Nahaj Al-Wadheh, Sheikh Ahmad As-Sab'ee (may Allah preserve him) said that one hand of Daesh holds the arms while the other grips on to Syed Qutub's Tafseer 'Dhalaal Al-Quran'.

The Deputy President of the Fiqh Counsel, located in the city of Mosul, country of Iraq, Sha'ban 'Abdul Kareem said that Daesh are trying to lend support with the excuse of establishing the religion and justice to gain popularity, although, they are far from the religion and justice. And we, as an authority responsible for the overlooking of religious affairs, declare that Daesh are Khawaarij, who represent neither us nor do they represent the fellow Ahlus Sunnah.

Some of the people of knowledge said that sometimes when we see the lies and deception of Daesh we are forced to call them Munaafiq (hypocrites). When we look at their unjust labelling of others as disbelievers we are forced to call them Khawaarij. When we look at their Taqiyyah (dissimulation/concealment) we are forced to call them Rawafidh(Shia), and when we look at their oppression and abuse we are forced to call them insurgents.

The colour of Daesh's clothes and flags:

White clothes were the most preferred and liked by the Prophet ﷺ. This is why he commanded the men to wear this colour as well as use it for their burials.³⁶ Therefore, a Sunni Muslim gives preference to white clothes, be he alive or dead. Whereas, Daesh's choice of black colour for its clothes and flags and the

³⁶ Sunan Abi-Dawood, Kitab At-Talab, Baab Fee Al-Amr Bil-Kohal, Hadith. 3878. Reported by Abdullah Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him with an authentic chain of narration.

statement of the Deputy President of the Fiqh Council, Mosul, Sha'ban 'Abdul Kareem, that they are not Ahlus Sunnah, raises many questions.

Some believe that the black colour is a symbol of the people of the book especially of the Jews, which they like for happy occasions and for funerals.

Some said that the fundamentalist movement of Fascism, in the stronghold of Christianity, Italy, preferred the black colour for their clothes.

Some said that in the beginning of The Middle Ages, especially in the western culture associated black with evil and wickedness. Hence, who Daesh can actually be and whose symbolism they are representing, is a matter worth contemplation.

Nevertheless, the black colour of Daesh's flags and clothes is a reflection of their misdeeds.

Daesh are not the “Taifah Mansoorah” (The victorious group):

Some individuals consider Daesh to be the 'Taifah Mansoorah'. However, they cannot be the Taifah Mansoorah because Imam Bukhari (may Allah have mercy on him) stated that the 'Taifah Mansoorah' are the people of knowledge, and Imam Ahmad (may Allah have mercy on him) said that 'if Taifah Mansoorah are not the Ahlul Hadith, then I don't know who else can be the Taifah Mansoorah.'

Qadhi 'Iyadh (may Allah have mercy on him) stated that by Ahlul Hadith, Imam Ahmad (may Allah have mercy on him) means the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'a and those who adhere to their creed.

Moreover, Imam Nawawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said that 'Taifah Mansoorah' can be different people of Iman, for example courageous warriors, Fuqahaa, Muhadithin, Mufasssireen, Zahideen and those who command good

and forbid evil. And it is not necessary that they be from one locality, but rather they will be from different locations.³⁷

The second matter to ponder over is that ‘Taifah Mansoorah’ will continue to persist from the time of the Prophethood till the Day of Judgement is established, and unlike Daesh will not just pop up completely out of the blue in 2014, having strived for the Caliphate since 2004.

A third matter that should attract our attention is that where ‘Taifah Mansoorah’ will remain established on the truth and overwhelm its enemies, at the same time it will be as clearly manifest as the refulgent Sun, and unlike Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi will not trod from one threshold to another, behind the scenes, in a black dress (resembling a Burqa). Also, who will not just be known by their Kunyyahs but rather their entire biographies will be known.

Daesh in the sight of national and international community:

Approximately 60 countries have declared Daesh to be terrorists, amongst them are Saudi Arabia, which declared them to be terrorists on the 7th of March 2014, and India’s Ministry of Internal Affairs, which announced their terrorist status on the 16th of December 2014.

Since 23rd of September 2014, under the leadership of Saudi Arabia, Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Jordan, air strikes were initiated against Daesh, which the British Parliament also announced its’ agreement with on 26th of September 2014.

Daesh’s ill consequences:

The people of knowledge said that due to the oppression and abusive arbitrariness of Daesh, numerous religious, human and financial detriments were inflicted. Especially, anarchy was created amongst the Muslim Ummah, the image of Islam was manipulated in front of the world, the authentic vision

³⁷ At-Tawdeeh Lisharh Al-Jami’ As-Saheeh Li-Ibn Al-Mulqan, Kitab Al-‘Ilm, Baab Main Yureed-ullah...’ vol. 3, pg. 348.

of Caliphate was done away with, the paths to Dawah (calling towards Islam) were halted, the foreigners and the miscreants, as a reaction, were given, on various occasions, an open incentive to abuse the Muslims, etc.

The curse of Allah upon Daesh:

An-Nahaj Al-Wadheh's Khateeb (Speaker), Sheikh Khalid 'Abdur Rahman (may Allah preserve him) stated that once a Tabi'ee visited 'Abdullah Ibn Abi Awfee (may Allah be pleased with him) and cried, "My father has been murdered by the Khawaarij". Upon hearing this 'Abdullah Ibn Abi Awfee (may Allah be pleased with him) made a curse and said, "May Allah's scourge be upon the Khawaarij, may Allah destroy the Khawaarij..." Thus, we, following this Sahabi, also express that may Allah's scourge be upon Daesh and may Allah destroy Daesh.

Saudi Arabia's Senior 'Ulama Council issued a statement that to cover up for those who unjustly label others to be disbelievers and commit suicide and terrorist attacks is tantamount to giving them refuge. Also, the individuals involved in Takfir and Tafjeer are innovators, giving refuge to whom causes the curse of Allah to descend. Therefore, 'Ulama must alert the common masses against them.

The ultimate end of the one who dies with Daesh:

The researcher and the Faqih, Doctor Sa'd Ibn Nasir Ash-Shatharee (may Allah preserve him), of the Senior 'Ulama Council, Saudi Arabia and the Royal Advisor to the Royal Court of Saudi Arabia stated that whosoever gets killed alongside Daesh is not a martyr. Rather, we consider him to be a Jahanummi (individual of the hell fire) in the light of evidences, and the pledge of allegiance made at their hands is invalid. To maintain relations with them or to stay obliged to this pledge of allegiance is not permissible because this pledge of allegiance has no Shar'i (legal) worth, and an organisation has nothing to do with Islam which abuses the terms of Sharia.

Also, to cooperate with them in any shape or form is haram, which will be considered equivalent to treachery against Allah, his Messenger ﷺ and the people of Iman. Hence, the governments should be warned against their supporters and sympathisers because to fight them is an immensely significant duty.

Sheikh Muhammad Ibn Ramzan Al-Hajiri (may Allah preserve him), lecturer by Royal Commission Al-Jubail stated that who died alongside Daesh is not a martyr but rather his death is that of Jahiliyyah (ignorance), because he rejected the pledge of allegiance to his ruler.

Daesh: Muslim or Kaafir?

Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh ‘Abdul ‘Azeez Aal Ash-Sheikh (may Allah preserve him) said that organisations like Al-Qaeda and Daesh are Khawaarij, amongst whom extremism, severity, rigidness, mischief and terrorism are found. Moreover, they are the first enemies of Islam, who slaughter the Muslims to begin with. Thus, these organisations have nothing to do with Islam. In fact they are outside the Deen.

Some people of knowledge considered Khawaarij to be Kafir (disbelievers) because the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said that just like an arrow leaves the bow, they will leave the Deen likewise. However, other people of knowledge declared them to be transgressors, innovators and rebels.

For further detail, please see the forthcoming topic ‘The disconnection with Daesh is a blessing and guidance’.

The eradication of Daesh:

Daesh and other terrorist Khaarijee organisations like Daesh can continue to exist as a trial for the whole of humanity until the Day of Judgement is established. This is because the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said regarding the

Khawaarij that they will always persist in rebelling, to the extent that their last adherent will appear with the False Christ, Ad-Dajjal.³⁸

Some doubts concerning Daesh and their clarification:

- Certain individuals might entertain illusions that just like Banu Umayyah and Banu ‘Abassiyyah’s Caliphs became Caliphs on the basis of coercion and violence and their Caliphate was accepted, likewise Daesh’s Caliphate must be legitimate too. However, the first foundational difference between the Caliphate of Daesh and Banu Umayyah and others is that Banu Umayyah and others never lent support from Takfeer and Tafjeer. The second difference is that they had achieved complete victory on the basis of the sword without having gone down the route of Takfeer and Tafjeer. Whereas, Daesh is Takfeeri and Tafjeeri and they have not been able to achieve complete success in any country whatsoever. Rather, the whole world has continued to oppose and reprimand it since its inception.

Sheikh ‘Abdus Salam Ibn Barjis (may Allah have mercy on him) said that someone who becomes a ruler by complete domination and he achieves complete success, then such a ruler will be obeyed, and the condition of a victorious and complete domination for the obedience of a ruler was placed by Imam Ahmad (may Allah have mercy on him), as well as Imam Shafi’i (may Allah have mercy on him), upon which Imam Ibn Hajar (may Allah have mercy on him) has written of an Ijma’ (a unanimous consensus).³⁹

Thus, from the statements of the Salaf (the pious predecessors) we find that Daesh’s Caliphate is unacceptable.

³⁸ Sunan An-Nasai, Kitab Tahreem Ad-Dam, Min Shahar Seefah, Hadith. 4103.

Reported by Abu Barzah As-Salami (may Allah be pleased with him); A lot of people of Knowledge have written (criticism) about this narration, however, Imam Busairee (may Allah have mercy on him), in It-Tihaaf Al-Khairah Al-Mahrah Bi-Zawaid Al-Masaaneed Al-‘Ashrah, Hadith. 7483, has declared its narrators Thiqaah (reliable, trustworthy).

³⁹ Mu’aamalah Al-Haakim Fee Doo Al-Kitab wa As-Sunnah, Al-Qaidah Ath-Thaniyyah.

- Certain individuals believe that Daesh and other deviant organisations like Daesh are establishing a Caliphate and implementing Sharia in their own ways and capacities and are performing Jihad. However, Jihad and the implementation of Hudood (beheading, stoning, cutting off hands etc.), individually and personally without a ruler is not correct because the Messenger of Allah ﷺ stated that the Imam (the ruler) is such a shield, in front of whom a war is fought and by means of whom defence is made.⁴⁰

Imam Ibn Hubayrah (may Allah have mercy on him) said that so long a Mujahid fights under the banner of a ruler, he will be saved from the fire and as well as from Allah's wrath.⁴¹

Imam Ibn Al-Malqan (may Allah have mercy on him) said if a war is fought without a ruler, the condition of people will deteriorate, the mighty will consume the weak, the Hudood will be transgressed, and the people of war will inflict injustice upon the Muslims. This is why a ruler must be looked up to and turned towards in decisive matters.⁴²

Imam Syuti (may Allah have mercy on him) giving reference to Imam Qurtubi (may Allah have mercy on him) said that in significant issues and serious situations, one should be considerate of the ruler's opinions and the objective of his views, and one must not step ahead of him, because a ruler is necessary to make a decision and to fight a war.⁴³

Saudi Arabia's Grand Mufti, Sheikh 'Abdul 'Azeez Aal Ash-Sheikh (may Allah preserve him) and Saudi Arabia's Qadhi, Doctor Naif Ibn Ahmad Al-Hamd (may Allah preserve him) said that the implementation of the Hudood is not in the hands of the common people but rather in the hands of the ruler, because he keeps fully acquainted with the situations being faced as well as the necessary details of them. On the contrary, if the common people were to implement the Hudood,

⁴⁰ Sahih Al-Bukhari, Kitab Al-Jihad wa As-Seer, Baab Yaqaatil Min Wara Al-Imam wa Yataqaa Bihi, Hadith. 2957. Reported by Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him).

⁴¹ Al-Iftsaah 'An Ma'aani As-Sahaah

⁴² At-Tawdeeh Li Sharh Al-Jami' As-Saheeh

⁴³ Hashiah As-Suyuti 'Alaa Sunan Ibn An-Nasai, Hadith. 4196.

murder and spilling blood would be common place, and peace will dissipate. This viewpoint is also attributed to Imam An-Nawawi (may Allah have mercy on him).

- Certain individuals think that Daesh are not oppressors because they only punish those who refuse to pledge allegiance to them or those who oppose them. Whereas, it has become crystal clear from the first two answers that Daesh's Caliphate is not legitimate as per the Sharia. So, when the Caliphate itself is not legitimate, neither does there remain a question of pledging allegiance nor does it acquire the right to punish.
- Some people, considering monarchy to be a system of Kufr, start praising the self-declared Caliphate of Daesh. Whereas, monarchy is not a system of Kufr but rather is permissible as per the Sharia. This is because when Bani Israel requested their Prophet to appoint someone as their king⁴⁴, Allah did not reject their request in the Quran. Therefore, if monarchy was impermissible then this request must have been rejected by Allah. This is why Allah appointed Taloot as a king for them.

Sulaiman (Peace be upon him) requested a kingdom from Allah⁴⁵, and Allah, in the Quran, compared a kingdom with one of His blessings.⁴⁶ If monarchy was impermissible under any circumstances, then neither would Allah have appointed anyone or any Prophet as kings nor would He had have expressed it as one of His blessings.

Imam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said that "there was a trace of kingship in Mu'awiyah's Caliphate (may Allah be pleased with him), but this had no effect on his Caliphate whatsoever. This is why I say that in our Sharia; an amalgamation of Caliphate and of Kingship is permissible, which does not, in any shape or form,

⁴⁴ Surah Al-Baqarah: 246

⁴⁵ Surah Sad: 35

⁴⁶ Surah Al-Maida: 20

oppose the ruler of the time being just. But a Caliphate in solitude, in the absence of a monarchy is superior”⁴⁷.

Imam Shafi’i (may Allah have mercy on him) counted ‘Umar Ibn ‘Abdul ‘Azeez (may Allah have mercy on him) as the fifth Caliph⁴⁸, whereas he was the eighth Caliph of Banu Umayyah, who had a trace of kingship in his Caliphate.

Moreover, the Prophet ﷺ, as a prophecy, only confirmed the Caliphate for thirty years, and prophesied a kingship thereafter.⁴⁹

Nevertheless, some people of knowledge said that after Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) Hassan Ibn Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) remained the Caliph for six months, but no one denied the Caliphate of the son after the father.

Having affection towards Daesh is Haraam:

We find from the Fatwas of numerous ‘Ulama that Daesh cannot be considered legitimate in any way. Thus, one must not harbour any affection or any inclination towards them. Otherwise, we too can soon become the recipients of torment, because Allah has forbade us from having any inclination towards the oppressors⁵⁰. Be the oppression in the form of disbelief and polytheism, or be it in the form of its general meaning, all types of oppressors must be shunned and stayed away from.

The disconnection with Daesh is a blessing and guidance:

Abul ‘Aliyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said, “Allah has bestowed two blessings on me, I do not know as to which one is more superior. The first

⁴⁷ Majmo’a Al-Fatawa, Kitab Al-Hudood, Baab Al-Khulafah Wa Al-Malik..., Khilafah Mu’awiyah wa ‘Ali, vol. 35, pg. 27.

⁴⁸ Adaab Ash-Shafi’i wa Manaqibah Li Ibn Abi Hatim, Qawl Ash-Shafi’i (may Allah have mercy on him) Fee Al-Khilafah, pg. 145.

⁴⁹ Musnad Ahmad, Musnad An-Nisar, Hadith Abi ‘Abdur Rahman Safeenah..., Hadith. 21928, with a Hassan (good) chain of narration.

⁵⁰ Surah Hud: 113

blessing is that Allah granted me Islam, and the second is that He didn't make me a Kharijee.⁵¹

We find from Abul 'Aliyyah's (may Allah have mercy on him) statement that in the realm of Sharia, to obey the ruler and to protect oneself from Takfeer and Tafjeer is so important that it was declared tantamount to the whole of Islam. On the other hand, it can also mean that the Kharijee ideology, in direct conflict with Islam, is a Kufriyya ideology (ideology of disbelief).

Due to the fact that Daesh are Khawaarij in their ideology and their actions, thus, redemption from this Kharijee ideology is one of Allah's great blessings and is an open guidance, and those who are consumed in this plague are misguided.

The prayer to safeguard oneself from the tribulation of Daesh:

In spirit of the unanimous decision of all the scholars, Daesh are a Fitnah, and the Prophet ﷺ commanded us to seek Allah's refuge from all the apparent and hidden tribulations and calamities.⁵² Rather, he made dua to Allah that 'Oh Allah! When You intend to inflict tribulations on your slaves, bring me back towards Yourself without me being consumed in the tribulations.'⁵³

Islam, a Deen of Mercy:

Daesh has made Islam out to be a deen of hardship, a deen of terror and a deen of savageness in front of the whole world, when in reality Islam is a deen of mercy, a deen of affection, as well as a deen of humaneness. This is because

⁵¹ Musannaf 'Abdur Razzaq, Kitab Al-Qittah, Baab Maa Jaa Fee Al-Hurooriyyah, narration. 18667.

⁵² Sahih Muslim, Kitab Al-Janah..., Baab 'Ardh Maq'ad... Hadith. 7392. Reported by Zaid Ibn Thabit (may Allah be pleased with him).

⁵³ Jami' At-Tirmidhi, Abu Ab Tafsir Al-Quran, Baab wa Min Surah Sad, Hadith 3233. Reported by Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) with a Sahih (authentic) chain of narration.

Allah condemned all kinds of mischief makers⁵⁴, detested them⁵⁵, forbade anyone from spreading chaos⁵⁶, rather announced severest torments for creating chaos.⁵⁷

He forbade us from perpetrating oppression and abuse upon Mu'aahid (those non-Muslims who enter the Islamic jurisdiction after a covenant is formulated), to infringe upon their rights, to impose a burden on them that they are unable to bear or to snatch something from them without their consent⁵⁸ as well as announcing a warning of deprivation from even the fragrance of Jannah upon the murder of the Mu'aahid.⁵⁹

The Mu'aahid are humans. However, Islam is such a merciful deen that it prescribes the hellfire for the one who oppresses even an inaudible animal.⁶⁰

When Islam forbids oppression against Mu'aahid and animals, then oppression upon a Muslim is prohibited to begin with, rather he is not a Muslim who lifts up arms against his Muslim brother⁶¹, because the sanctity of a Muslim is greater than that of the Ka'bah.⁶² Moreover, a human, be he a Muslim or a non-Muslim, the murder of an innocent is the murder of the whole of humanity.⁶³

⁵⁴ Surah Al-Baqarah: 204 – 206

⁵⁵ Surah Al-Qasas: 77

⁵⁶ Surah Al-A'raaf: 85

⁵⁷ Surah Al-Maida: 32 – 33

⁵⁸ Sunan Abi Dawood, Kitab Al-Khiraaj..., Baab Fee Dhimmi..., Hadith. 3052, Reported by Muta'adad Farzandan Sahabah (numerous children of sahaba), with a Hassan (good) chain of narration.

⁵⁹ Sahih Bukhari, Kitab Al-Jizyyah, Baab Itham Min Qatal..., Hadith. 3166, Reported by 'Abdullah Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him).

⁶⁰ Sahih Muslim, Kitab At-Tawba, Baab Fee Sa'ah Rahmah..., Hadith. 7158, Reported by Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him).

⁶¹ Sahih Bukhari, Kitab Ad-Diyaat, Baab Qawl Allahu Ta'alaa wa Min Ahyahaa..., Hadith. 6874, Reported by Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him).

⁶² Jami' At-Tirmidhi, Abwaab Al-Bar wa As-Sillah, Baab Majaa Fee Ta'dheem Al-Mu'min, Hadith. 2032, According to Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him), with a chain of narration.

⁶³ Surah Al-Maida: 32

Hence, the conclusion is that ISIS - Daesh are unwise, rather they are a catastrophe and a calamity, whose audacity deserves to be chastised, and to warn against whom is praiseworthy.

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